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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am writing to encourage you to support competitive providers of internet service. I use a local provider that is much better than the other, big telecom companies that are available in my area, like AT&T.

My internet used to be slow and unreliable. I had DSL before, but my local provider now provides fiber. It is much better. This fast and reliable access to the internet is essential to my activities, my work, and my well-being. My local provider also provides inexpensive, reliable telephone service. In short, my provider is much better than the giant companies.

Policies that favor big telecom companies at the expense of smaller internet providers are against my interests, and, I think, the interests of the people who use these services. I hope you will continue to regulate this so as to favor a level playing field and healthy market competition.

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